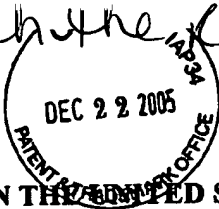


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated **August 30, 2005**, extended to **December 30, 2006** by a **one (1) month** Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: